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# U. S. MAY WARN GERMANY; THEN BREAK

We Stake All And Shall Win-Germany RIIPTIIRF WILL FIGHT GERMANS SINK OWN SHIP IN PORT

Imperial Chancelor Voices Germany's War Cry: "We Accept the Challenge."

SAYS TIME RIPE FOR U-BOAT WAR

Declares Germany Now Has Plenty Of Submarines; World's Harvests Short.

BERLIN, Germany, Jan St.—(Viz London, Feb. 1.)—Chancelor von Bethmann-Hollweg and other minsters attended an important meetings if the ways and means committee of the reichstag today at which the entente war situation was gone over and new steps planned by the central powrs were considered. The chancelor opened the sitting with a speech of which the keynote words were:

We have been challenged to fight to been hampering that line the end. We accept the challenge, we stake everything and we shall be vic-

Explains Change in Attitude.

Chancelor ron Bethmann-Hollwer explained why in March and May of lust year he had opposed unrestricted submarine war and why again in September "according to the unantmous judgment of the political and military nuthorities, the question was not considered ripe for decision."

In this connection the chancelor repeated his previous utterances that as soon as he, in agreement with the superment army command, reached the convolution that ruthless submarine war would bring Germany near a victorous peace, then the U-bont war would be started.

tarted.

The Time Has Now Come.

"This moment has now arrived." he continued. "Last autumn the time was not ret ripe, but today the moment has one when, with the greatest prospect of success we can undertake the enter-site. We must, therefore, not wait by longer.

Germany's View of Opportunity. the situation?" the chicelor asked. "In the first place, the most important fact of all is that the number of our submarines has been very considerably increased as compared with tast spring, and thereby a firm basis for success has been established. The second codecisive reason is the bod cereal parvest of the world. This fact already confronts England, France and Italy with serious difficulties, which, by means of unrestricted U-boat warfare, could be brought to a point of unviserableness.

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bearableness.
"The coal question, too, is vital in war. Already it is critical, as you know, in Italy and France. Our sub-marines will make it still more criti-

Dangers of U-Bont War Decrease. Dangers of I-Boat War Decrease.

To this must be added, especially its regards England, the supply of ore for the production of munitions and of timber for cost mines. The enemy sufficienties are remedered still more acute by the increasing lack of enemy ergo space. In this respect time and U-boat and cruiser warfare have blepared the group for the decisive blow.

The whole entests suffers owing to lack of cargo space. If we may now venture to estimate the positive advantages of uncestricted I-boat war at a very much higher which arise for us from U-boat war have correspondingly decreased sines that time."

Alpine Man Given His Liberty by San Angelo Jury On Wife Murder Charge.

San Angelo, Texas, Feb. 1,-Harry J. Spanell, charged with the murder of his wife, Crystal Holland Spanell, at Alpine, Texas, last July, was today found not guilty by the jury after brief

rguments of counsel and today the barge was delivered to the jury. The resent trial concerns the murder of

efore a bigh wind and frozen solidly into cuts along the Union Pacific railtoday renewed the blockade which has been hampering that line intermittent-

New York, Feb. 1.-Count Adam Taxnowski yon Tarnow, Austria-Hungary's who arrived today on the atsamer Noordam, learned first from newspa-

"VIOLENCE PRESAGES THE END

# Greatest Month in History of El Paso for Bank Clearings

TANUARY was the record month in bank clearings in the history of the city, \$17,113,308.12 being recorded. The clearings in January, 1916, were \$9,394,338.66. The figures were furnished by C. B. Gardner, of the clearing house association. The past month's record is nearly double that of a year ago.

Captain Of a Team In \$100,000 Fight



Committee, on Account of International Situation to Return to Washington.

No other hearings will be held here probably. New York witnesses, according to the present plan, will be called to Washington to testify later F. A Connolly, the Washington ben-ker and partner of R. W. Bolling, pres-

# REACHED SUM OF \$3671

ARE DESTROYED

London Eng. Feb. 1.—The sinking of nine vessels causing the death of eight men and the injury of one, was announced today by Lioyd's.

Secondary to clerk Gonzales. Weyer than 52000 was collected during the month of December, this being due to the large number of speeders arrested.

A large part of the fibes collected during the injury of one, was announced today by Lioyd's.

The total number parting time to the fibes. The total number parting time to the The total number paying fines to the court was 52%.

> OF THE WAR IS NEAR" BIRTHS IN TEXAS IN MONTH ARE 4163 AND DEATHS 2452

Ready for the Consequences.
The chancelor discussed in detail the political situation and then referred to military affairs as follows:

"A few days ago field marshal von Hindenburg described the situation to me thus:

"Our front stands firm on all sides.

"Our front stands firm on all sides, we have everywhere the requisite reserves. The spirit of our troops is good and confident. The military situation as a whole permits us to accept all the consequences which unrestricted submarine war may bring and as this submarine standpoint whether U-boat war would bring us nearer victorious peace or not. Every means, I said in March, that was calculated to shorten the war countive the most bring to the constitution files affecting the most bring the most previously. It must be begun.

Let's Be Buthless.

"I have always proceeded from the standpoint whether U-boat war would bring us nearer victorious peace or not. Every means, I said in March, that was calculated to shorten the war countive the first the work of the summarine situation his afternoon long tongth to discuss peace with the most brunches mental of the work of the war would be added to the average life.

Washington, D. C. Feb. L—The foolists the monthly report of 19r. V. A. D. The country has for safely through the last period. The military situation as a whole permits the most prevaled 41s. Out of the monthly report of 19r. V. A. D. The country has been produced to the monthly report of 19r. V. A. D. The country has been produced that the country has the safely also through the last period.

"The violence of the methods now used by the belligation for the summarine situ were railroad accidents and 14 automobile. There were 19 deaths by suicide and 40 homicides.

The report shows that the average length of life, based on the December report, is 24 years. If the deaths under two years be excluded, 12 years will be added to the average life.

BILLS IN IDAHO, OREGON Washington, Feb. L.—Objections have een made by Japan to anti-silen land like similar to California's law now efore the Oregon and Idaho legis-

FIFTH FIRE IN E. P. & S. W. YARD BUILDING DESTROYS IT

# BE AIDED

Freighter Liebenfels Had Been at Charleston Since Outbreak of War.

SHIP SCUTTLED, OBSERVERS CLAIM

Members of Crew Had Been Sent to Homes; Captain Spurns Tugs' Aid.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Fob. 1.—The the Hansa line, tied up here since

by the fact that the captain declined

In an hour the vessel's how was high in the water and the stern was secting gradually but Capt. Klutten-hoff and five or six officers were still on board. The Lawars of the crew were sent to their homes soon after the vessel flied up here at the outbreak of the war. was nuchored in between to and et of water about half a mile the city water fromt.

cis stopped stiking. The stern rail then was only a few feet from the water. Marine men believe the ship is in such condition now that she could not be made seaworthy for some time.

IN A TIME OF GRAVITY

Washington, D. C. Feb L.—Congress, spherally recognizing the gravity of the international situation, today showed no inclination to arouse discussion over the issue while president Wilson was forming a course of action. Majority leader Kitchin, in opening the revenue bill for debate in the bouse, appealed to bemocrats and Republicans when a "grave situation confronts the republic," to forget there ever were any differences.

# IS SENSATION IN FRANCE

# AMERICAN SHIPS TO SAIL WITHOUT PAINTING SIDES

New York, Feb. 1.—The American the steamship St. Louis will sail Sat-rday as scheduled and no effort will e made to paint the ship in conform-by with the regulations prescribed by G. G. ing the American flar, according to an-nouncement by the officials of the In-ternational Mercartile Marine, which controls the American Line steamers.

BRITISH SHIPS BOOK PASSENGERS AS USUAL

DUTCH SHIP IS SUNK.

# London, Eng. Feb. 1.—Lloyd's announces that the Duich steamer Epsi-, lon. of 2211 tones, has been sunk. The crew was landed.

Is Cleaning Up Town

Petticoal Government

Umatilla, Ore., Peb. 1-Mayor Mrs. E. E. Starcher and her administration of women, which took office January I, have entered enthusiantically on their duties. Not content with administering the affairs of the city, they have entered state politics. Resolutions have been adopted and forwarded to the governor of Oregon demanding that this city be placed on the route of the extension of the Pacific Highway from The Dalles cast.

Another act of the administration was the ordering of 16 new street lights. Some street lights had been eliminated by the former council, but the women declared their intention of having their city well lighted. A thorough cleaning and repairing of the city half also has been ordered by the "perticoat" government. tion of women, which took office

ernment.

Mayor Starcher stands from in her intention not to appoint a town marshal. She points out that a saving of far a month is made under the new arrangement, whereby the town's behavior is broked after by a deputy shariff.

Newspaper Comment Generally Upholds President in Whatever Course He May Pursue; Some Favor Handing Bernstorff Passports at Once; Some Consider That Decisive Action Should Be Delayed.

B DITORIAL comment throughout matten, let the results he what they the United States Thursday Indidsive action. One or two suggest that the watchful waiting policy which has extended to Germans. The comments follow

Cut Off Relations.

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Lincoln (Neb.) Daily Star: The friendship of the United States, international law and the rights of humanity have been weighed in the balance and cust aside in favor of military expediency. In view of president Wilson's former declaration there seems but one thing to do and that is to present count Bernstorff with his passports.

Here's Wilson's Chance.

The Tucson (Aria) Citize: The abser took president Wilson as his ord and the declaration of Germany r unrestricted warfars gives the esident an opportunity to but his extrine of the fees into seration, which we all knew that he

WIR Uphold President.

sador wer Bernstorff his passports and send him home on an unpainted pas-senger ship through the midst of the German submattine zone.

German submarine gone.

Creates Amuzement.

Washington (D. C.) Post: Germany so note will fail upon the American public with stupelying effect. No doubt it was in view of this danger that president Wilson made such astraordinary efforts to bring about peace. It is impossible for this government to tolerate the new rule which Germany seeks to impose.

Water Must Decide.
Water Tran.) News: President Witsen has been prore than patient. He
must now decide whether the United
States shall suffer the lose of the mafor part of her foreign commerce or go
to war. And Germany is talking to a
man of courage as well as to a master
Callaborator.

endeavors and tentatives of parise into which president Wilson has scrittenhis idealistic hopes. It creates an entirely new situation of the most practical sort, no far as the United States
is concerned and serious in the extreme
in its possibilities of intoward incidents which may put to the test the
steadfastness of Washington in its attitude and assertion of the principles
which our state department has already
enunciated.

His 1 p to England.

Biartford (Cone.) Courant: Germany

the forceits of her marine warface and warns as to look out. The alifes declare that they want no peace without victory. That is the return so far from president Witson's surprising intrustion into European affairs. England has the great nary of the world and it is up to her to protect the ships that Germany thyratens to desiroy.

Calls Note in Insult.

Worderster (Mass.) Telegram to be took some document of the cook some document

Small Cruisers to Meet the Present Situation.

New York. Feb. 1.-The effect of German's declaration of a sea blockade of the entente nations to be enforced with every available weapon nday in every port on the Atlantic Madrid. roust. Owners and agents of versels flying neutral flags were in doubt as to their future course of action and tion are received from their govern-

lines it was said there would be no incan ports of ships carrying the mass of the entente allies. To meet just such an emergency as this, the British government has assembled, it was said, a large fleet of small fast cruisers to be used as "submarine chasers." These ressels said to number 400, will be available to keep the sea lanes clear of raiders and submarines and act as convoys. can ports of ships carrying the flags

Decrease in Cargo Space.

Shipping men pointed out that the nost obvious effect of the German sciaration would be the resuction in he tounage which the freight ships

VICTORY FOR ENTENTE IS
INEVITABLE, SAYS ASQUITE
London, Eng., Feb. 1.—In a speech at
Lodybank lodgy to the constituents,
former premier Asquith said that the
moral military

Britain Has Great Fleet of Spain's Parliament May Be Adjourned to Prevent

Dangerous Discussions.

London, Eug. Feb. L.-The German declaration of unrestricted submarine warfare was discussed at a special; and without further notice," was feit | cording to a Reuter disputch from

change Telegraph company says that full meeting of the subliner was beld it is believed that most of them will Wednesday to discuss the German keep their ships in port until instruc- submarine note and its probable ef-

Fears Disorders.

PRENCH SHIPS WILL NOT CHANGE SAULING PROGRAMS for the constituents, premier Asquith said that the military and economic resources the new German submarine policy will cause no change whatever in sailings from France.

Lansing Spends the Morning Working on Some Kind of Document for Wilson.

ALL OFFICIALS KEEP SILENCE

Certain Steps Remain to Be Taken By Navy Department Before a Break.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 1.—Following a conference between president Wilson and secretary of state Lansing today, the opinion became generally prevalent in official quarters that a break in diplomatic relations with Germany seemed inevitable as a result of the unrestricted sea war declaration, although it was thought probable that an ultimatum or warning to the Berlin government might precede this action.

The view was taken widely in official quarters that the United States could not let the situation stand unchal-

The fact that secretary Lansing spent the morning working on something for the president," as it was described, led to reports that the secretary of state had prepared a note to warn Germany that diplomatic relations would be broken if Germany persisted

Takes Documents To Wilson.

When secretary Lansing went to the white house to confer with the president, he took some documents with him. It y might as readily be a notice that relations had been severed, as a warning that they would be. Secretary Lansing refused flatly to make any statement or to indicate what action had been de-

No Prospect For Tonight. When secretary Lansing received the newspaper correspondents this afternoon

"Gentlemen, I have nothing to tell you; neither will I meswer any ques-

He added that this statement stood good for the remainder of the day and that there was no prospect of his mak-

Plan To Safeguard Ports.

It was regarded as not impossible that action of some kind had already been taken but there was no indication of its mature.

announcement of the course of the gov ernment would be made until certain steps had been taken through the navy department and the treasury for safeguarding American ports and other in-Face to Pace With the Issue.

Rathless submarine warfare inaugu-

rated by Germany brought the United States face to face with what president Wilson has solemnly declared to be American rights on the high seas—a break in diplomatic relations, with its accompanying grim possibilities. Washington awoke this morning to a realization of this situation. It had

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Says Put the Burden Upon the Real Crooks

The following telegram, which explains itself, was sent from El Paso yesterday to Messrs, R. M. Undley, and R. E. Thomason, house of representatives, Austin, Tease:

"Press dispatches say you are introducing a bill to stop Mexicans votine on first muturalization."

reducing a bill to stop Mexicans voting on first anturalization papers. You know, if things go wrong on election day here, the politicians are to blame and not the Maxican voters.

"If you get the legislature to pass a law to send to the pententiary the man who sells his vote, and to the gallows the one who buysit, you will render a great favor to El Paso.

"E Portillo, "Editor El Obrero Mexicano."

As Americans, Let Us Play America's Game, Not England's Or Germany's